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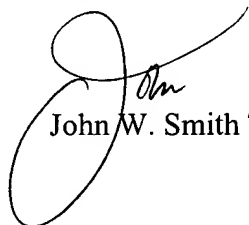
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RE: ***Apparatus for Covering Payloads***  
Application Serial Number: 09/833,847  
Art Unit: 3612  
Examiner: Gutman, Hilary L.

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am enclosing a Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 20, 2002. This response includes: (1) a clean version of the replacement paragraphs; (2) a marked up version of the replacement paragraphs; (3) a clean version of the amended claims; (4) a marked up version of the amended claims. I am also enclosing the signed signature page of the previously submitted, unsigned response, which was filed October 18, 2002. I believe this brings the amendment into compliance. Please also note our new address for your records - I am enclosing the appropriate change of address form.

Yours very truly,

  
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